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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SOPN
SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOURNALIST TOPHOVEN TO SFM

1. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, ROLF TOPHOVEN, A FREE LANCE JOURNALIST, VISITED SFM, ARRIVING AT 1100 HOURS LT AND DEPARTING AT 1600 HOURS LT.

2. MR. TOPHOVEN WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND WAS GIVEN A TOUR OF SFM FACILITIES. HE ALSO VISITED THE GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MANAGER.

3. MR. TOPHOVEN'S SKETCHY BACKGROUND ON SFM HAD BEEN DERIVED FROM A FEW GERMAN-LANGUAGE ARTICLES ON THE MISSION AND SOME BACKGROUND FROM HIS ISRAELI HOSTS IN TEL AVIV. HIS QUESTIONS WERE VERY GENERAL AND HE WENT INTO A VERY FEW SUBJECTS IN ANY DEPTH. HE REPEATED THE SAME QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES TO THE SAME PERSON AND WAS INATTENTIVE AND SUPERFICIAL IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MOST MISSION PERSONNEL. HE TOOK ROUGHLY 30 PICTURES DURING THE VISIT OF WHICH OVER 20 WERE OF UN GHANBATT GUARDS, SEVERAL OF WHOM HE TALKED WITH AT LENGTH. HIS IMPRESSION OF SFM, HOWEVER, WAS VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITIVE AND HE EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT "THE SCOPE AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE" OF SFM'S OPERATION. WE WERE UNABLE TO GET A CLEAR IDEA OF HIS INTERESTS, AND WE ARE NOT SURE HE KNEW, EITHER.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: MR. TOPHOVEN STATES THAT HE IS A "FREE LANCE CORRESPONDENT" AND IS NOT EMPLOYED BY DIE WELT.

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IS REMINDED THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW VISITS
OF FREE LANCE JOURNALISTS AND REQUEST THAT THE CREDENTIALS
OF ALL PROPOSED MEDIA VISITORS BE CAREFULLY CHECKED.
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